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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of  
Thomas L. BRANDT, et al.  
Serial No. 09/974,809  
Filed October 12, 2001

PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR  
DECORATING PACKAGES WITH  
CONVEX SURFACES

**DECLARATION OF ANDREW J. PATCH IN  
SUPPORT OF PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.47(a)**

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The undersigned, Andrew J. Patch, hereby declares as follows:

On May 1, 2002, I sent to Neil D. Turner, one of the four named inventors in the above-identified application, a copy of the complete application papers of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/974,809, as filed on October 12, 2001, together with a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney form prepared for his signature. A copy of my letter of May 1, 2002 to Mr. Neil D. Turner is attached hereto.

The letter was sent registered mail, returned receipt requested. Mr. Neil D. Turner signed the return receipt card, and it was returned to us, indicated a date of delivery of May 17, 2002. However, Mr. Turner did not return to us the signed

application papers. As of this date, those papers have not been received.

A copy of the signed returned receipt card is also attached hereto.

And I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful and false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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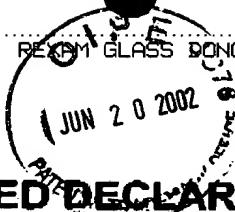
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